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SUBJECT: JUSTICE PARTY SEEKING YOUTH SUPPORT THROUGH
HUR-GENC

1. MANISA PROVINCE JUSTICE PARTY(JP)PRESIDENT OKTAY
GURGUN TOLD CONGEN OFFICER THAT HUR-GENC (FREE YOUTH)
ASSOCIATION HAD BEEN FORMED IN MANISA. THIS ORGANIZATION
IS DESIGNED TO ATTRACT YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE SYMPATHETIC
TO THE JP PARTY PHILOSOPHY. HUR-GENC'S ASSOCIATION WITH
THE JP WAS DESCRIBED AS SIMILAR TO THAT BETWEEN THE NATIONAL
ACTION PARTY AND THE ULKU OCAKLARI. THUS, ACCORDING TO

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GURGUN, HUR-GENC WOULD FILL THE VACUUM BETWEEN RADICAL
RIGHT AND RADICAL LEFT YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS. GURGUN ADDED
THAT HUR-GENC MEMBERS WOULD BE TRAVELLING TO ISTANBUL TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE DEMIREL-LED RALLY ("HONOR THE FLAG
AND NATIONAL BELIEF") TO BE HELD AT TAKSIM SQUARE ON MAY
26.

2. COMMENT: WE HAVE HEARD FURTHER REPORTS THAT HUR-
GENC ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE FORMED IN ALL 67 PROVINCES,
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HOWEVER, WHETHER SUCH ASSOCIATIONS WILL SERVE AS YOUTH
BRANCHES OF THE JP OR AS SEPARATE ENTITIES "AFFILIATED IN
SPIRIT" IS NOT CLEAR. THE FORMATIONS OF HUR-GENC OR-
GANIZATIONS WOULD SEEM TO BE A RESPONSE TO CRITICISM
IN THE JP THAT THE PARTY NEEDS TO MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT
TO ATTRACT YOUTH. THIS IN TURN COULD HELP REINVIGORATE
THE PARTY. IN ADDITION, HYR-GENC COULD PROVIDE A "MIDDLE

GROUND" OPTION FOR TURKISH YOUTH. WHILE HUR-GENC IS
SUPPOSED TO ESCHEW VIOLENCE, IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER IT
WILL BE ABLE TO SO ACT IN LIGHT OF THE MILITANCY OF OTHER
COMPETING YOUTH GROUPS.

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